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10/25/02
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Patent Application of: Ashok K. Shukla, et.al.

Serial No. 09/591,009

Art Unit: 1723

Filing Date: 06/09/00

Examiner: THERKORN, E

Title: INCISION-BASED FILTRATION/SEPARATION PIPETTE TIP

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Patent and Trade Mark Office
Washington DC 20231

Date: Oct. 17, 2002

This is in response to the advisory action letter mail to us by the examiner on 09/23/02.

Examiner has rejected our request for the amendment and suggested that adding in claim 1 "said chromatographic particles are larger than the perforation" "is raising new issues requiring further search and consideration". However, in our device "pipette tip" the chromatographic particles are larger than the slit, which we stated:

1. In our original application page 4 line 15-18, we indicated that "The perforations, holes or incisions are of such dimensions that fluids and smaller particles can pass through them while larger particles are retained in said pipette tip."
2. In our original application claim 1. "The perforations, holes or incisions are of such dimensions that fluids and smaller particles can pass through them while larger particles are retained in said pipette tip."
3. During our interview on Jan. 24, 2002., we demonstrated that the particles are larger than the slit, so that they can retain in the tip during the sample prep.
4. In correspondences, which we sent on April 4, 2002 and July 18, 2002 and September 18, 2002, we tried to explained this issue each time because the particles are larger than

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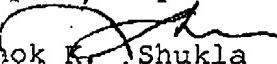
the slit, therefore, they can stay in the pipette tip during the sample prep.

Considering the above facts, we request that the above information should not be considered as new matter and we request rejection should withdraw.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me. (Tel 410 997 0301)

Thanking you in advance for all your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,


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